(b) In the ongoing negotiations on agriculture in WTO, India had co-sponsored a proposal on 'Market Access, along with Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Honduras, Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Uganda, Zimbabwe and Haiti, wherein it has been demanded that dumping by developed countries must be prohibited.

The Government has also put in place a suitable mechanism for monitoring of the imports of sensitive items and are committed to providing adequate protection to the domestic producers by resorting to various WTO compatible measures which include appropriate calibration of applied tariffs within the bound tariffs, imposition of anti-dumping, countervailing duties and taking safeguard action under specified circumstances.

Indo-German Trade

3074. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's bilateral trade with Germany has crossed Rs. 20,000 crores upto December, 2000;

(b) if so, to what extent Indian exports to Germany and import from Germany have reached uptill now;

(c) whether this increase upto February, 2001, given Indian exports, grew by 15 per cent; and

(d) the other steps Government further considers to improve the Indo-German trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No Sir. The Indo-German bilateral trade during April-December 2000 amounted to Rs. 12,141 crores.

(b) The Indo-German "bilateral trade during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 is as follows:

(in Rs. Crores)

Year	India's exports To Germany	India's imports from Germany	Total trade
1999-00	7510.31	7979.95	15490.26
2000-01	8658.21	7928.41	16586.62

Data source: DGCI&S, Kolkata.

Further, India's exports to Germany and imports from Germany during the first two months of the current financial year (April-May 2001), was of the order of Rs. 1,264 crores and Rs. 1,416 crores respectively.

(c) During the period April 2000—February 2001, the Indian exports to Germany improved by 13.79% in rupee terms as against a growth of 27.48% in rupee terms in respect of India's global exports.

(d) The steps being taken by Government to improve the Indo-German bilateral trade include constant interaction with the European Union in order to address the different India-EU trade issues, facilities for participation in trade fairs, input for upgradation of quality, market study and facilitating trade/industry level interaction.

Revival of Indian Tea Industry

3075. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tea industry in Assam is passing through a difficult time because of low prices, cheap tea imports from other countries and stiff competition from beverages;

(b) whether Indian tea in other countries is being substituted by other varieties of tea; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are taking to help tea industry to come out of this rough patch?